



*Quilchena Elementary  
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### Quilchena Community

**The Week Ahead ~ December 9<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

We invite families to visit the School Calendar on our website for all of our future notable dates and events.

*December 9 – PAC Hot Lunch (Taco Luis)*

*December 12 – Staff vs Gr.6/7 Volleyball Game*

*December 13 – Popcorn Day – Bring your \$2*

*December 20 – School-Wide Sing-Along 1:45pm (Save the Date)*

Two more weeks of Term One before our Winter Break. During our last week of school before the Winter Break, our leadership students have planned a few days for students and staff to participate. You can start to plan ahead for that week of December. Stay dry Cyclones and have a wonderful weekend!

#### Spirit Days:

**December 16<sup>th</sup>:** *Wear your Crazy Socks & Sandals with your Seasonal Hats*

**December 18<sup>th</sup>:** *Favourite Holiday Wear*

**December 20<sup>th</sup>:** *Wear your PJs & Comfy Clothes*

#### In Other Quilchena News:

**Inclement Weather, School Closure Notifications:** If needed, the district will try to determine school closures due to inclement weather by 6:30 a.m. Updates will be delivered using social media and school and district websites. Facebook Twitter No radio or television announcement will be made saying that schools are open. Only school closures will be announced by the media. To reach as many people as possible - as quickly as possible - we work closely with our local media to share information. Please listen to local radio stations and follow local news outlets online to also get information about the impact of severe weather or emergencies in our schools. If snowfall begins while school is in session, in most circumstances, schools will remain OPEN until the end of the school day. If schools are open, and you wish to keep your child home due to weather conditions, you may do so. Please let your school know of this decision. Parents/guardians are responsible for their child's safe travel to school.



**Library Renovation Update:** Ms. McCormick has been working incredibly hard and has our library packed up before schedule! Our district crew will now start the demolition phase earlier than planned and will begin on December 9<sup>th</sup>. If you still have any overdue library books at home from November, please return them back to school next week. Stay tuned for more updates!

**Parent Education Sessions 2024/25 School Year:** **Register Now!** The Richmond School District is excited to offer a variety of parent education sessions during the 2024/25 school year. These virtual sessions are open to all parents in the Richmond School District and will provide practical strategies, expert insights, and tools to support your child's well-being in the digital age. More information and registration for parents is available on the SD38 District Website. Our next session *Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids* is in January hosted by Hannah Beach. Please read more and click to register: [District Parent Education Sessions Link](#)



**Online Public Open House – Long-Range Facilities Plan:** The district is hosting an Online Public Open House on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 6 to 8 p.m. This virtual event will provide community members with the opportunity to learn about the 2025 Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) and offer input to help shape the district’s long-term facilities strategy. More information about the LRFP and how to register can be found on our district website ([link](#)) and the attached poster.

**IPALS 2025 Registration Now Open:** IPALS (Parents as Literacy Supporters in Immigrant Communities) aims to help immigrant and refugee families learn new strategies to support their preschool-aged children's learning in fun and interactive ways. IPALS is supported by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). The Richmond School District will host the IPALS program at Woodward Elementary StrongStart on Tuesday mornings from January 14 to March 11, 2025. Eligible families can use the link on the attached poster to register for the program. Registration is now open.



**Needing Support:** The provincial government has renewed the *Student and Family Affordability Fund*. This fund is designed to assist families who require financial assistance with school supplies, fees or other school-related costs. We are requesting that families reach out to Mrs. Kusch ([nkusch@sd38.bc.ca](mailto:nkusch@sd38.bc.ca)). As always, all requests will be treated with dignity and your privacy will be respected. We want to work with our families to ensure that our students, your children, have everything they need to be successful at school. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help.



**PAC News:**



**Pedalheads Swim Lessons:** Pedalheads is offering a fundraising opportunity for families that would like to sign up for swimming lessons. BC Swim Programs running until March 16<sup>th</sup> are currently open for registration. Anyone registering for lessons until December 31<sup>st</sup> can use the “QUILCHENARICH25” discount code to automatically receive \$25 off, the PAC will also receive \$25 for each registration. Click [HERE](#) for details.

**Popcorn Days:** Our next PAC popcorn is – Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will have the opportunity to enjoy some freshly popped popcorn at recess. Popcorn will cost \$2 a bag and proceeds will be put towards our school library renovation.



**PAC Hot Lunch Food Days TERM 2:** Mark your calendars! Hot Lunch ordering for Term 2 (January to March) will be available from **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**. Late orders WILL NOT be accepted. Don’t miss out! You MUST be registered to order, if you haven’t registered this year, please do so [HERE](#).

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| Jan 28 – Sushi Lovers  | Feb 3 – Taco Luis   | Feb 10 – Bala Foods   | Feb 18 – Just Poke |
| Feb 24 – Village Curry | Mar 3 – Fresh Slice | Mar 10 – Sushi Lovers |                    |

Questions? Email Vanessa at [Quilchenafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:Quilchenafundraising@gmail.com)

## A Peek Into Our Empty Library Before Demolition!



**Stay tuned for our  
Library Renovation Reveal  
coming in February!  
Thanks go to the PAC for their  
Fundraising efforts and  
To all those who supported  
our Renovation Fund.**